

Dawson County Parks & Recreation

Zero Tolerance & Conduct Policy

~By Resolution of the Dawson County Parks and Recreation Board we hereby adopt the following policies, effective February 6th, 2023~

Georgia Recreation and Parks Association Sportsmanship and Conduct Policy:

Positive cheering by players, coaches and spectators is encouraged. Any negative cheering/yelling may result in a warning or removal from the site, whether it is for or against your team.

In addition, negative comments to or about officials/referees may also result in a warning or ejection.

Any coach or spectator ejected from a park event will receive a 2-game suspension and a \$100.00 fine. This penalty must be served before returning to a park sponsored event. Players ejected will receive a 1 game suspension. With exception of adult sports, who will serve a 2-game suspension and pay a \$100.00 fine.

Dawson County Parks and Recreation ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:

~This policy is implemented for the purpose of upholding a safe, healthy and enjoyable recreation environment for all the citizens of Dawson County, our visitors and most of all, our youth. ~

Coaches, parents or any spectator ejected from a park sponsored event will be placed on probation for one year and receive a 2-game suspension and a \$100.00 fine. Depending on the severity of the ejection, coaches, parents or spectators may be banned from participating in park activities for a period of time to be determined by the recreation board of Dawson County.

Players ejected from a park sponsored event will receive a 1 game suspension. Depending on the severity of the ejection, players may be banned from participating in park activities for a period of time to be determined by the recreation board of Dawson County.

Anyone guilty of making gestures, using profanity or threats towards players, coaches, spectators, officials, staff or any visitor will receive a 2-game suspension and a \$100.00 fine. Players at fault will receive a 1 game suspension.

Anyone guilty of fighting, pushing, striking or other negative physical contact, while on park property, will be ejected from the premises. Physical altercations will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season as well as a \$100.00 fine. In addition, depending on the severity of the incident, persons involved may receive additional suspensions, probation, fines and penalties upon review by the recreation board.

Any behavior by a coach, spectator or visitor which serves to incite others to become disorderly will constitute a 2-game suspension and a \$100.00 fine. Players at fault will receive a 1 game suspension.

Absolutely no use of drugs or alcohol will be tolerated while on park property. Use of tobacco products is restricted to designated smoking areas and will not be allowed in dugouts, playing areas or bleachers.

Violations of the above policy will be handled in accordance with penalties set forth. However, Dawson County Parks and Recreation and the Dawson County Recreation Board reserve the right to impose penalties greater than those outlined if a situation dictates, based on severity. We further reserve the right to suspend coaching, player and spectator privileges where appropriate.

Zero tolerance will apply to out of county games as well.

Appeals may be filed, in writing, with Dawson County Parks athletic or administrative staff. Hearings will be conducted at the next park board meeting.